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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Norikazu ARAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2653  
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Application No.: 10/612,056 ) Examiner: Kim Kwok Chu  
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Filed: July 3, 2003 )  
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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS, ) Confirmation No.: 4259  
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RECORDING/REPRODUCING )  
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH )  
THE OPTICAL PICKUP )  
APPARATUS, OPTICAL )  
ELEMENT, AND INFORMATION )  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING )  
METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.

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